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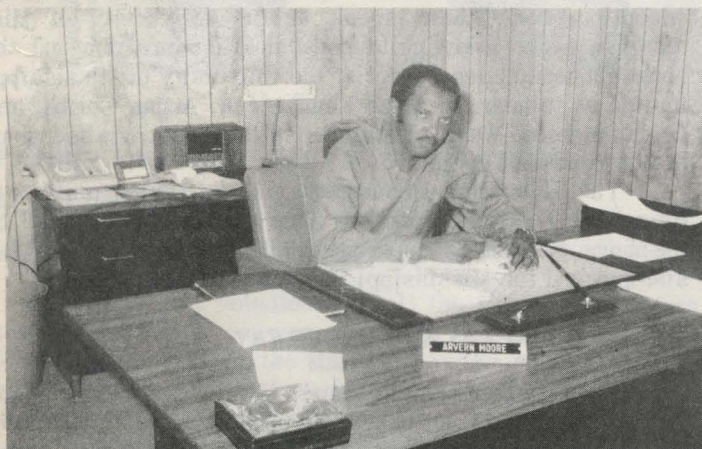
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



May 8, 1970

In this our initial newsletter for Program Year D beginning February 1, 1970, I report to you developments, past and current, that are severely threatening the existence of Head Start and possibly the Emergency Food and Medical Services Program.

As you may know, our Governor, John Bell Williams, vetoed several Head Start Programs during the month of February and threatened to veto ours. During these most crucial and threatening times, you, the entire citizenry of Marshall and Lafayette counties, gave us your support in every conceivable way. For this, we feel indebted to you and we are extremely grateful to recognize the concern, interest, support, and determination that you have demonstrated which lets the State of Mississippi know that the Head Start Program is here to stay.

We were funded on March 15, 1970 for Head Start and the Emergency Food and Medical Program. All components of the programs are now operating according to plan.

This is not intended to lead you to believe that the problems Head Start is confronted with have been solved because it is very apparent that the State Legislature and the Governor are determined to destroy Head Start as we know it. This is evident by recent action taken by the State Legislature and the Governor regarding House Bill 839, which places rigid requirements for all personnel employed in Head Start. The Bill states:

1. "A head teacher shall possess a college degree or its equivalent.
2. a teacher shall possess a full junior college or two years of college education or its equivalent.
3. a teacher aide shall possess an eighth-grade education or its equivalent, and

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ICS Conforms To HEW's Center Alignment Request

At the time of refunding for ICS, there were certain regulations set forth by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), the major one being the realignment of centers so as to have an aide for every teacher and to have classes with a minimum of fifteen (15) students and a maximum of twenty (20).

The Head Start Program is funded for 860 pre-school children and some of our centers were either over-crowded or lacked students to meet the minimum requirement; therefore, to meet the HEW regulations, transfers had to be made from some centers to others. Besides the transfer of students, some teachers, aides, cooks, drivers and janitors were transferred.

The hardest hit was the Laws Hill Center, which was closed because of the realignment and other conditions. The staff and students were transferred to three other centers and now we are proud that all our students and employees have gotten adjusted to the new sites and situations. We appreciate the support and understanding of all involved in the realignments.

They Visited Our Office Recently

Mr. W. E. Bingham
Headstart Director
Northwest Mississippi
Development Association, Inc.
Senatobia, Mississippi

Mr. Jim Jones
Director of Field Operations
Southern Federation of
Cooperatives
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. O. C. Brown
Consultant for the Emergency
Food-Medical Program
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. E. Oliver Faulkner
ACLU Attorney
Commerce Title Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Phil Davis
Field Analyst for O. E. O.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Martha Faulkner
Medical Sociologist
Regional Medical Program
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Albert Foster
Former Business Manager
for ICS
Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. Walter Glover, Trainer
Atlanta Multiple Purpose
Training Center
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Frank Holloway
Atlanta, Georgia



Career Development Committee

CD IS ON THE MOVE

(From the desk of the Career Development Officer)

Lots of Career Development activities have been taking place in ICS lately!

One hundred and ten ICS employees are now taking Supplementary Training classes under Rust College. The classes last 7 1/2 week session were Art for Children, General Psychology, Survey of American History, and Basic Concept of Mathematics. The classes this 7 1/2 weeks are Afro-American History, Early Childhood Education, Music for Children, and Personal Hygiene. Taking these college courses helps us to earn college credit and to do a better job in Head Start.

A number of ICS employees have recently earned their G. E. D. certificate for high school equivalency. Congratulations to Mrs. Essie Dillard, Mrs. Florence Duckett, Mrs. Annette Glover, Mrs. Juanita Ivy, Mrs. Bernice Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Mrs. Manda Malone, Mrs. Mary Etta Martin, Mrs. Romel Moore, Mrs. Legessie Naylor, Mrs. Elmira Tyson, Mrs. Jo Linder Howard, and Mrs. Mary Wortham. ICS will be starting a "We Did It!" Club for those who have passed the G. E. D. Look for more information on this new club in the next newsletter!

After months of planning, STAR, Inc. has set up a G. E. D. class for ICS in Lafayette County. Those of us who haven't finished high school are hoping to receive the help we need to pass our G. E. D. test. We are very lucky to have this STAR class in Lafayette County.

STAR has also started a business course in Holly Springs which Mrs. Annette Glover, Mrs. Margaret Houston, and Mrs. Katherine Jefferson are attending.

Quite a few ICS employees have changed positions in the program. This is called job progression and is a very important part of Career Development! Mrs. Clara Bowen, Mrs. Juanita Ivy, Mrs. Jully Powers, Mrs. Evelyn Shields, and Mrs. Rossie Ward are now teacher's aides; Mrs. Zella Hayse is a teacher; Mrs. Doris Houck is a head teacher; Mrs. Mattie Ree Bailey and Mrs. Sarah Gatewood are cooks; and Mrs. Mildred Allen and Miss LaVerne Harris are social service aides. Good luck in your new positions!

Many exciting workshops are held every month for ICS employees, and we extend to all Head Start parents and community members an invitation to join us in these sessions.

VICTORIA

We are working immensely to develop the children's cognitive skills, and their awareness and to build within them the self-confidence needed for their daily activities. Basically, all this means a mobilization of their strengths in constructive things rather than destructive things.

Local field trips, and visits from professionals who talk to our children have greatly supplemented our educational activities.

Mrs. Nola Robinson, Administrative Teacher

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BROADENS ITS HORIZONS

(From the desk of the Educational Director)

The Southern Association on Children Under Six (SACUS) held its 21st annual conference April 12-15, 1970 at New Orleans, Louisiana. "Coming of Age" was the theme of SACUS this year. Mrs. Una Mae Richmond, Mrs. Jo Linder Howard, and Mrs. Nancy Abney participated in this conference. These members of the educational staff heard a great deal of up-to-date information in the field of early childhood education and are looking forward to sharing this with the Headstart centers.

Recently, a number of ICS employees had three marvelous opportunities to hear well-known early childhood education consultants speak at the University of Mississippi. The early childhood education program and the home economics department of the University of Mississippi invited us to hear Dr. Alice Kousser, Dr. Arthur Combs, and Dr. Evangeline Ward. These consultants also visited some of our Headstart centers.

The Education Department will be taking part in a Preschool Teachers Workshop June 4-6, 1970 sponsored by the home economics department of the University of Mississippi and the Mississippi State Welfare Department.

FIELD TRIP PLANS ARE UNDERWAY

The teachers, parents, and children are making plans for field trips this summer. Many of the Headstart centers are anticipating an outing to the zoo, airport, park, dairy, or other places of interest.

All the parents are invited to go along with their child on these field trips. It will mean a lot to your child if you can go. Also the parents are needed to assist the teaching staff in caring for the children on these field trips.

PARENT COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS SUCCESS OF MEDICAL DEPT.

(From the Desk of the Medical Director)

The medical Department has made over 500 home visits since January 1 to meet and talk with Head Start parents and pass out Medical Vouchers. We want to commend the Head Start parents for their interest and cooperation in providing the health services for the Head Start children and for making us welcome in their homes.

Many of the children have completed all of their medical and dental examinations and follow-up. We are very busy trying to be sure that no Head Start child misses any of the health services.

We urge regular attendance. Don't let your child miss this very important service.

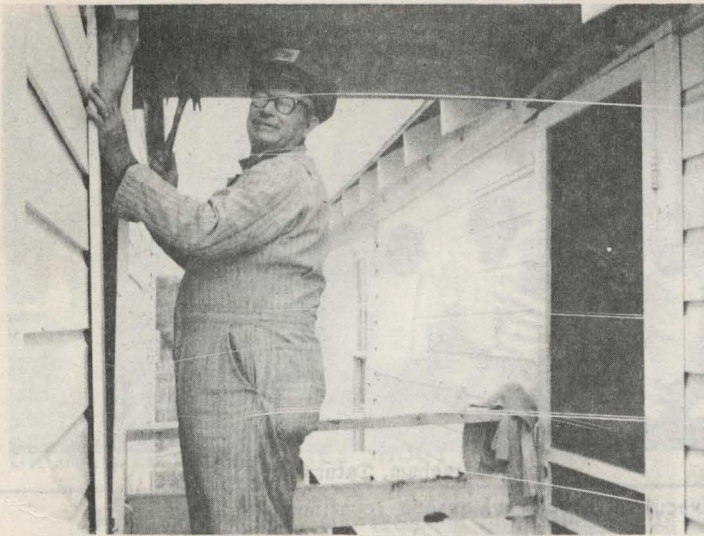
A MESSAGE FROM THE ICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert S. Hill, Chairman

It seems a good idea to tell you who make up the Board of Directors and what we do.

There are fifteen (15) of us. Five (5) members from the communities served by the Head Start Program, five (5)

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Mr. T. L. Reed

PARENT AND VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION EXCELLS IN HEAD START

(From the desk of the Parent and Volunteer Coordinator)

Parents and volunteers in all the Head Start centers are showing their concern and appreciation for the Head Start program. During the time the program was not funded, inkind services were given in money to pay for children's transportation, food, and utilities.

Volunteer services are also stepped up in the regular participation program. Many parents and other volunteers are coming into the centers to help with the children.

More volunteer service is needed in the Head Start centers to come up to the hours required to maintain a good Head Start program.

A special thanks to those parents, Center Advisory Members, and Policy Advisory Members that attended the Policy Advisory meeting at West Spring Hill. Your interest is appreciated and needed in the policy making procedures.

Visit your Head Start centers. Give some of your time to help those that need you.

Pictured above is Mr. Thomas Reed who volunteered his services to build a covered walkway for one of the Headstart Centers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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other local people such as businessmen and city and county officials and five (5) from the Rust College Board of Trustees. Among us are both men and women, black and white, and poor and prosperous from the two counties.

What do we do? We are the Governing Board of ICS. As the Governing Board, we are responsible for the total operation of the agency as it relates to the communities, the staff, planning, evaluation, policies, personnel, finance, grievances and ultimately OEO-HEW. Through our staff, we are responsible for all programs operating according to the policies and procedures of OEO-HEW. The responsibilities of the Board members are great and many. Therefore, in order for this Board to adequately do its job, we need your help and we welcome and appreciate suggestions from you to improve the program in order that we might be able to do a better job of serving you.

EMERGENCY FOOD and MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM REACHES INDIGENT RECIPIENTS

(From the desk of the Director of the Emergency Food and Medical Services Program)

The E.F. & M.S. Program is one phase of the overall ICS operation that had been refunded for the purpose of attempting to eliminate malnutrition and other health conditions related to malnutrition in Marshall and Lafayette Counties.

We, the staff of the E.F. & M.S. Program feel that this program belongs to the poorest of the poor, and in trying to identify and take the services of the program to them, we have and shall continue to work as hard as possible to meet the program objectives.

We take this opportunity to thank all of you who have aided us in getting our services to the communities that are most in need of them and we ask your continued support in the future.

Our records show for this year that we have served 312 families in Marshall County and 131 families in Lafayette County. By serving these 443 families we have reached 2073 individuals in both counties.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- (A) You are invited to come by our offices and say hello? We're located in the Old Hospital Building in Holly Springs and at 512 Jackson Ave. in Oxford.
- (B) The Rust Headstart Center has been relocated and is now in the Masonic Lodge Hall on Bonner St. in Holly Springs?
- (C) ICS now operates only 19 centers instead of twenty, yet we still have all our students and employees?
- (D) ICS has acquired a pick-up truck and thirteen new vans capable of carrying twelve or more children each?
- (E) The Headstart children have finished their immunizations including the new German measles vaccine?
- (F) The PAC meeting held at West Spring Hill Center on April 9, holds the record for the greatest attendance?
- (G) STAR (Systematic Training and Redevelopment) is planning to set up a G. E. D. class in Lafayette County?
- (H) Governor John Bell Williams responded to some of the letters written to him by our employees, parents and others during the time of our financial crisis?

ICS, INCORPORATED SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1970

- July 17 - August 30, 1970 . . . All Headstart Centers Closed
- July 17, 1970 - August 3, 1970 . . . Annual Leave for all ICS Employees except directors and clerical staff (without pay)
- July 31, 1970 - August 10, 1970 . . . Annual Leave with pay
- August 10, 1970 - August 14, 1970 Workshops and Training Sessions
- August 17, 1970 - August 21, 1970 Organization & Clean-up
- August 24, 1970 - August 28, 1970 Registration
- August 31, 1970 - Centers Re-open



Mrs. Swinford and youngest child

OUR PARENTS SAY:

The Head Start Program is a community program, and parents especially are major figures in its entire operation. Besides sending their children to receive its benefits, parents serve on policy-making committees, make major decisions, and submit very helpful recommendations. When Head Start employees make home visits, they always encourage parents to discuss Head Start the way they see it.

Mrs. Willie E. Swinford, whose daughter Melissa attends the Potts Camp Head Start Center, Potts Camp, Mississippi, said:

"Head Start has helped Melissa to get along and associate with other children. She has learned to share with others, and has outgrown the act of being a baby. This has helped to prepare her for public school.

Some of the experiences in the center, such as, setting the table, learning to recognize her name and putting things where they belong, have been wonderful learning experiences for her."

Mrs. Ceola Willingham, Mrs. Lula Tatum and Mrs. Maggie Mitchell (pictured above) whose children attend Taylor Headstart Center, Taylor, Mississippi all stated that Headstart had been so much help to their children.

Especially proud and thankful was Mrs. Willingham whose daughter had been hospitalized for eight days with Headstart providing the fees for the services. "It meant so much to me," said Mrs. Willingham, "in helping my child get the medical treatment she needed a few weeks ago."

"We are proud of the personal hygiene habits our children have developed. They have learned to get along with each other and how to take turns and share. This will help them so much when they go to school.

"It's wonderful to have them in Headstart for the educational training and it's so good to know that someone is looking after them."

WEST SPRING HILL

The employees of the West Spring Hill Center want to compliment our community and surrounding communities for pulling together at the time of program's crisis. The men's club of our community raised funds to keep the center in operation and aid in the driver's expenses. Since the program has been funded, the men's club is still meeting to discuss ideas for the welfare of the community.

The self-help program is progressing well in their quilt piecing project; so, if you want a quilt, contact the West Spring Hill Center.

Mrs. Clara Banks, Administrative Teacher



Mrs. Willingham, Tatum and Mitchell

Executive Director's Message (continued from page one)

4. any other employee or consultant receiving a salary or fee equivalent to that of a head teacher shall be required to possess a college degree or its equivalent."

We foresee this as another case of discriminatory practice aimed at black people and the poor in the State of Mississippi. House Bill 839 is to become law July 1, 1970 and must be implemented by September 1, 1970. Apparently, this Bill has the blessings of the Regional HEW Director. This is based on a memorandum from Mr. Cary Hall, Regional Director of HEW, which states, "this office has no choice but to comply with Mississippi House Bill 839." If the rigid requirements as set forth in the Bill are enforced, at least ninety-five percent (95%) of our teachers would not qualify according to requirements set up in this Bill.

It is a pleasure for me to report to you in view of the above stated facts, that the Emergency Food and Medical Program has been funded in the amount of \$44,000 for another year. This program is to serve only the "hardcore" poorest of the poor as identified by self, staff and referral agencies.

The Head Start Program has been funded in the amount of \$985,000 for eight hundred sixty (860) pre-school age children. This too, is a full-year program.

It is our plan for the children to be out of school for one and one-half (1½) months. The specific time has not been decided as of the date of this newsletter. However, you will be given adequate notification prior to the time that the centers are closed.

There are many problems which must be resolved during this program year. We are hoping that when our next newsletter is published, we might advise you that our present problems have been solved.

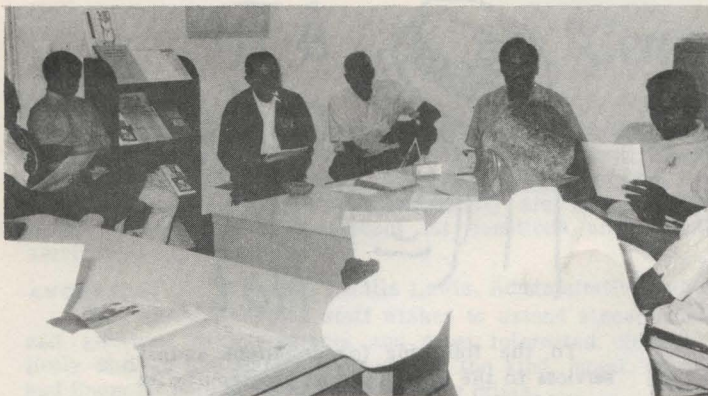
In order for Head Start and Head Start related programs to continue to survive, it will necessitate the energy and efforts of all of us working together toward a common goal; that being, "the salvation of Head Start and elimination of P O V E R T Y and its causes". This can be accomplished only through a concerted effort by the total community.

Arvern Moore, Executive Director
ICS, Incorporated

YOCONA

We are grateful to our parents and the entire community for giving us their support during the time we were not sure of being funded this year.

Mrs. Mary Townsend, Administrative Teacher



CO-OP Board

ORGANIZED COMMUNITIES SHOOT FOR TARGET

(From the desk of the Social Services Director)

One of ICS's basic and foremost objectives is to aid communities in organization so that they will be strong enough to attack some of the problems that are bred and nourished by poverty. In order to make their attack, communities in Marshall and Lafayette Counties, Mississippi have begun to develop projects with which they can shoot for the target of "positive community breakthrough" for economic, social and political gains.

Projects being organized to shoot for the target are outstandingly listed as follows:

- (A) Organization of sewing clubs, men's clubs, or development committees, etc. in all the Headstart Communities; their main purpose is to aid Headstart in meeting its objectives in the community, and as a long range purpose, to create self-help among the persons involved so that they can directly benefit from the activities of the clubs. For more information, contact the Headstart Center in your community.
- (B) The attempt to build a community center chartered under the name of Marshall County - Riley Community Center near Byhalia, Mississippi. The general purposes of the center will be to provide cultural and social activities for the youth, to provide temporary shelter should disasters occur, to provide a meeting place for organizations, clubs, etc. The building campaign is under way and the communities involved would appreciate donations or support. For more information, contact Mr. Lawrence H. Autry, Henry Jr. High School, Byhalia, or Mrs. Dorothy Henderson, Parent Coordinator, ICS Project Headstart.
- (C) Organization of an agricultural Co-op, chartered under the name of Northwest Mississippi Farmers' Cooperative (AAL). The general purposes of the Co-op will be to provide services for its members by the way of selling their goods or produce (vegetables, handicrafts, etc.) enabling them to purchase equipment and supplies at wholesale prices, providing jobs for some, and organizing the poor in Marshall and Lafayette Counties so that they can cooperatively use their own resources through self-help to eliminate prevailing conditions. The main focus of the Co-op

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TAYLOR

We are proud of the good relationship we have established throughout our community, especially among the parents. We made dresses, shirts and donated shoes and tennis for some of our most needy children. We made a quilt to sell and the money will be used for the children and the center.

Mrs. Mary Martin, Administrative Teacher



Meeting on Community Center

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR NUTRITIONAL DEPT. STAFF

(From the desk of the Nutritional Director),

The Staff of the Nutrition Department are improving their abilities in serving the children, parents and communities better by attending bi-monthly in-service training sessions. The topics for these sessions are: Nutrition, and its importance in the lives of pre-school children through adulthood; Orientation to the nature of work and desirable personal qualities for job success in child-care centers and other food establishments; Safe food handling; Essential health practices and sanitation; Adequate storage of food; Care and use of equipment; Basic skills in management of work in preparation and service of food; Food preparation; and other items of interest as the above topics are discussed.

These topics will be conducted by Home Economists in the area in three different group meetings. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions you may contact your local center to get the exact time and location of the meetings.

We are happy to report that most of our children are eating all of their food. As of April 1st, two snacks were added to the daily feeding program which helps to give the child more of the nutrients needed by the growing body. The daily feeding program schedule is as follows:

9:00 - 9:30 -- Breakfast
10:35 - 10:45 -- Mid Morning Snack
11:45 - 12:35 -- Lunch
2:00 - 2:10 -- Afternoon Snack



Nutritionists' In-Training Session

A MESSAGE FROM THE ICS POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WALTER S. ROGERS, Chairman

On behalf of all members of the Policy Advisory Committee, both elected and appointed, I believe that I voice the sentiment of the entire committee when I congratulate the Director, Mr. Arvern Moore, his immediate Central staff and the entire personnel of ICS Project Headstart for a job well done.

We can appreciate this job more when out of a total of 234 emergency food and medical grants made in 385 counties of the nation and a total of 28 headstart programs operating in the state, we have not received the unfavorable publicity that most of the programs have received.

We of the Policy Advisory Committee believe this is due to the dedication and efficiency shown in the operation of this program. We implore each of you to continue the good work!!

I personally would like to thank each officer and member of the ICS Policy Advisory Committee for their unselfish contribution of their time, money, and dedication toward the success of the headstart program.

We believe that this program serving 19 headstart centers and 860 children in Marshall and Lafayette Counties is one of the federally financed programs that truly reach the poverty group. I would like to point out by name each member of this committee, but time and space will not permit it, instead, I will take this opportunity to thank all of you collectively for your unselfish participation in a concerted effort of the complementary task of strengthening the means and capacity for: (1) more effective self-help efforts by the poor in Marshall and Lafayette Counties, individually and in organizations through which they can participate in planning, conducting and evaluation of programs affecting our lives; (2) a greater private voluntary involvement by which not only the poor blacks but whites, businesses, labor, service agencies, civic and religious organizations are able to play a full role along with government in contributing their human and financial resources to the solution of community problems, (3) to strengthen the effectiveness of the communitys' attack on poverty through headstart and other related programs.

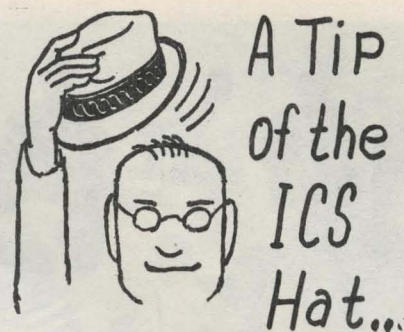
We appreciate the combined efforts of both the black and white communities of Marshall and Lafayette Counties in making the 1969-70 Headstart year a success. We ask for an increased cooperation between both communities for the program year 1970-71.

Organized Communities Shoot For Target

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is on economic development for the poor and a secondary focus is on gaining strength by working together. For more information, contact Lemuel Walls, Social Services Director, ICS Project Headstart.

- (D) An attempt to organize a day-care center in the Taylor Headstart community. The purpose of the center will be to provide general day-care services to three and four year old children. It will also allow more mothers to seek or hold jobs for providing or supplementing a family income. The center is expected to be licensed for operation. This means that it is expected to be an A-1 center meeting state regulations. For more information, contact the staff of the Taylor Headstart Center, or a member of the Taylor Community Development Club.



To the following for donations and/or services to the ICS Headstart program, or its participants:

All ICS employees, Headstart parents and other concerned persons or agencies for their support, donations, understanding and efforts during the crucial time of program operation without funds.

The Cadet Schools, Holly Springs, for providing free transportation for children going to the Health Department and for free use of buildings during fund-raising campaigns.

The Lafayette County Civics Club for use of its building during fund-raising campaigns.

Mr. Marshall Scruggs and Mrs. Modena Malone, Holly Springs for donating use of building during fund-raising campaign.

Mr. Arvern Newsom, Byhalia and Mr. Thomas Reed, Potts Camp for repairs on facilities in Headstart Centers.

Miss Claire Miers, Ole Miss students, for making 80 home visits to pass out Medical vouchers to parents of Headstart children.

Mr. & Mrs. Elton Walls and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Kelly, Oxford, for donation of clothing for needy families.

VANS ARE "ON THE GO"

Thirteen (13) new vans have been acquired by ICS and have been strategically placed at centers where they are most needed. They are taken to other centers for special activities requiring transportation for a large number of persons.

The vans are used to provide transportation for children to and from the centers on field trips, appointments, etc., for employees attending Headstart meetings or workshops, and for parents and other volunteers going on field trips, attending meetings or workshops held by ICS, or giving volunteer services in the centers.



"Center Spotlights"

ABBEVILLE:

The parents of our center sponsored a party to raise money in order to keep the center open for our children until we were funded for this year's operation. Many Thanks to all of you.

The people of Abbeville community are grateful to Mr. Archie Jones, Ole Miss student for donations and volunteer services in our community.

ANDERSON:

Mrs. Lucille Lewis, Administrative Teacher

The entire Anderson staff wishes to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the parents and other interested citizens of Holly Springs and Marshall County for the kind, moral, spiritual and financial help given us in time of our crisis.

ASBURY:

Mrs. Alpha Cox, Administrative Teacher

Our center has a very successful sewing club going and we hope to involve more of our parents. Presently, the members of the club are making throw rugs for their homes. We certainly hope that more parents will drop in and pay us a visit soon.

BYHALIA:

Mrs. Margaret Houston, Administrative Teacher

We, at the Byhalia Headstart Center, would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and other persons for the donations that were given in the time of the crisis.

The sewing club is doing very well. The members are now making curtains for the center.

Our PTA is sponsoring many activities to make our center more enjoyable for the children. Last month the PTA sponsored a waist-line party to raise funds to buy playground equipment.

CAYCE:

Mrs. Erma Rogers, Administrative Teacher

1970 brought in a new year and renewed enthusiasm for Headstart in the Cayce community. With the cooperation of the parents, we feel that we are accomplishing our goals in inspiring and encouraging our children to be their best.

We would like to thank parents and friends of our community for donations of food, money and time during our period of operation without funds.

We would also like to thank Gem, Inc., Byhalia, for their support in our community sewing project. The sewing club project is proving to be a very successful venture. The members are now making beautiful quilts, wall plaques and what-nots.

CHULAHOMA:

Mrs. Gertrude Anderson, Administrative Teacher

Between February and March, Headstart experienced a crucial time but we, the staff at Chulahoma Center and the entire community, both black and white, worked hard to keep things going. And we did!!

During the month of February our community raised money to buy gas and provide funds for transportation for the children.

At our March meeting, we set up a "Project 70" club for the purpose of enhancing our community development.

We, the staff at the Chulahoma Center, wish to thank everyone for support and concern. The unity needed for togetherness is definitely in our community.

MARIANNA:

Mrs. Bernice Totten, Administrative Teacher

The staff at Marianna Center would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to all of the parents and community people who supported us so gratefully during the time we were not receiving funds.

OXFORD I

Mrs. Urma Walker, Administrative Teacher

Our Center is doing a lot of wonderful things.

We recently visited the pet shop at the East Gate Shopping Center where our children saw many exciting animals. During the visit we bought pet turtles and food for each of the classrooms.

Also, we visited the library where our children were able to check out books, and our final visit was to the post office.

OXFORD II

Mrs. Jo Linder Howard, Administrative Teacher

Parents and friends of Oxford I and Oxford II Centers sponsored a "Pot Luck Supper" March 23, 1970. The program was rendered by the black and white community. The tables were beautifully decorated with white table cloths, spring flowers and

tasty dishes. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Through our non-funding period, the parents and others helped by donating food and money. Our staff appreciates all efforts and support.

Mrs. Zula Jackson, Administrative Teacher

POTTS CAMP

Our sewing club project meets every Thursday and is very active in planning activities to raise money for material and other needs of the children and center.

We are especially proud when we can identify special accomplishments among our children. Getting children to set the table properly and encouraging them to talk when someone talks to them has been our latest project and we are especially proud of little Melissa Swinford who is at the head of this project.

Mrs. Essie Dillard, Administrative Teacher

RED BANKS

We at the Red Banks Center would like to express our appreciation to our parents and community people for standing by us while we were waiting on funds for program operation. Parents and friends not only told us how much Headstart meant to their children but they showed us by getting together and working out plans to keep the center in operation. Donations came from parents, community persons, employees and our church.

We do hope to continue working together as one big family.

Mrs. Mamie Jones, Administrative Teacher

RUST

The Rust Center has been in operation since mid February. Our first PTA meeting was held in March and officers were elected for the organization.

We are proud of the new facilities and we wish to thank all of you who have been by to visit us and invite you who have not been to see us.

Mrs. Doris Houck, Administrative Teacher

SLAYDEN-MT. PLEASANT

The employees of Slayden-Mt. Pleasant Headstart Center would like to thank the Deacons of Gatewood Church, the parents and other interested persons of this community for their support during our waiting for funds. At our meeting on February 20, 1970, 46 people attended and we invite all to be a part of our community meetings.

Mrs. Mary Penilton, Administrative Teacher

WATERFORD

Our children are very alert and are asking and answering questions without pointing their fingers or nodding their heads; we feel this is progress.

We feel that our parents are greatly concerned about their children because they are keeping them in school.

We are grateful to the people in the Waterford Community for their concern and assistance during the time of our financial crisis.

Mrs. Manda Malone, Administrative Teacher

WATSON

We proudly express our gratitude to our parents and others who contributed money, material and food to our center during the difficult times when the funds from HEW was held up. We are also thankful to the community churches (Isaac Chapel CME Church, Antioch Baptist Church) for their support.

We have a sewing club that meets at the center every Wednesday afternoon and we are inviting more parents and community persons to participate. Some of the items the club makes are pot holders, pillows, aprons, pin cushions, pajama bags, dresses, quilts, and throw rugs. Most of the clothing made is for the Headstart children.

Mrs. Frances Warren, Administrative Teacher

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